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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 20, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Loving and eternal God, call us to rejoice in You always.

Draw near to us this day that our hearts would be inclined toward patience, and in Your presence, may the gentleness that comes from our relationship with You be evident in us.

Draw near to us this day that we would not be anxious about anything, not things past, not things present, nor the future before us.

But in Your presence, may we approach every situation in prayer and petition and with thanksgiving.

Draw near to us as we present our requests to You, and grant us Your peace, which transcends all understanding. In Your presence, may Your peace guard our hearts and minds.

Draw near to us so that we can only think about what is true, what is noble, what is right, what is pure, what is lovely, what is admirable. When we are in Your presence, may we see that all these things are of You, excellent and praiseworthy.

Draw near to us as we proceed in our affairs. And in Your presence, may we

put into practice all that we have learned or received or heard in faith.

God of peace, be with us. And may we find joy in Your nearness.

To You our God and creator, be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF TAX CREDITS

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to emphasize the importance of the earned income tax credit and the child tax credit for my constituents in my district. Because of the severe winter storms earlier this year, Texans can still file their tax returns until June 15—I repeat, until June 15.

Single filers who make \$75,000 or less annually and heads of household who earn \$112,500 annually could benefit from the full earned income tax credit and child tax credits if they file their taxes on time.

In my district alone, President Biden's new 1-year expansion of the child tax credit will lift 213,500 children out of poverty. That means that 95 percent of the children in my district would benefit.

Because of this, I am urging all of my constituents to file their taxes even if they don't normally do so. Working families and children need these dollars now more than ever.

I am glad that the improved and expanded child tax credit will be arriving soon to help families in my district and in Texas.

MODIFYING STOCK VEHICLES FOR RACING

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, motorsports are one of America's favorite pastimes and play an important role in our economy.

Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District is home to Selinsgrove Speedway, Clinton County Motor Speedway, Port Royal Speedway, Beaver Springs Dragway, and thousands of racing fans, myself included. Some of my best memories are at the raceway, enjoying the sights and sounds with our community and family.

That is why I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act, or the RPM act. Automotive fans have long altered stock vehicles for competitive racing, a practice that is as old as the sport itself. In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a proposed rule that would make modifying stock vehicles for racing illegal. The

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